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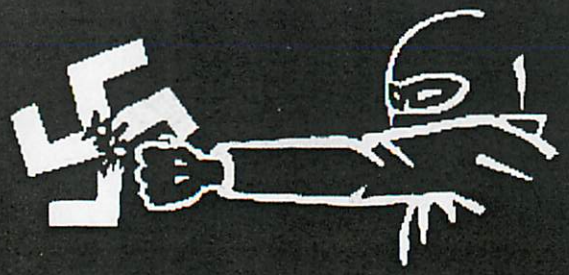

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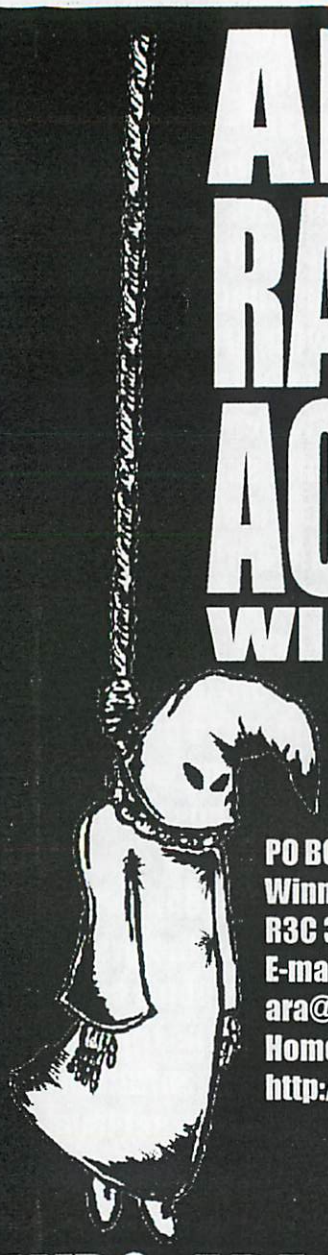

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SMASH RACISM

ARA's objective is to focus on direct action and grassroots responses to white supremacy and neo-nazi activity. We provide a forum for committed anti-racists to express their outrage against racism, homophobia, anti-semitism and all other forms of prejudice in our society.

We believe in militant ANTI-RACIST ACTION based on mass organizing. Our experience in Winnipeg has shown us that there is strength in numbers.

The basis of our unity is : to expose, oppose and confront racist hate groups and the broader right-wing agenda through mass action, public education and solidarity with the international anti-racist and anti-fascist movement.

ANTI-RACIST ACTION (ARA)

Winnipeg came together in June of 1997 to continue and advance the struggle against racist hate groups in our community.

There has been a strong presence of anti-racist activism in Winnipeg since the late 1980's, beginning with groups like the Manitoba Coalition Against Racism and Apartheid (MCARA) which waged a long battle against white supremacy in Manitoba and apartheid abroad.

In 1993 two significant anti-racist groups were formed. The Western Anti-Racist Network (WARN), with anti-racist researchers based in the four western provinces, was organized to gather and analyze information dealing with white supremacist, neo-nazi groups in western Canada.

United Against Racism (UAR) was organized as a response to the growing violence initiated by Winnipeg's chapter of the Northern Hammer Skins (NHS). UAR was the first anti-racist organization in Winnipeg devoted to the street level battle against racism, the struggle which ARA Winnipeg is continuing today.

Members of WARN and UAR - who are working closely with ARA Winnipeg - participated at national conferences organized by the ARA chapters in Toronto and Columbus, Ohio, thus establishing links to the ARA-NET, with its over 70 chapters in North America.

The ARA-NET is a network of ARA-type groups across North America . Currently we comprise more than 70 groups, united by 4 points of unity: 1. We go where they go. Wherever and whenever fascists are organizing or active in public, we're there. We don't believe in ignoring them . Never let the nazis have the streets. 2. Don't rely on the cops or the courts to do our work. This doesn't mean we don't ever go to court. We must rely on ourselves to protect ourselves and to stop the fascists. 3. Non-sectarian defence of other anti-fascists. The ARA-NET has many groups and individual activists. We don't agree about everything, and we have a right to differ openly. In this movement an attack on one is an attack on us all. We stand behind each other. 4. ARA-NET intends to do the hard work that is needed to build a broad, strong movement against racism, sexism, anti-semitism, homophobia, discrimination against people with disabilities, mistreatment of the oldest and the youngest of our people.

WE INTEND TO WIN!